

2021-2022 Sandy Hills GP Update:

Salt Lake County Planning Commission

January 19th, 2022
MSD Long Range Planning



G R E A T E R S A L T L A K E
**Municipal Services
District**



The General Plan Process (Reminder)

1. Formation of Steering Committees (Complete)
2. Technical Assessment (Complete)
3. Kick-Off Workshop(s) (Complete)
4. Notice of Intent to Prepare General Plan (Complete)
5. Development of Scope of Work (Complete)
6. Drafting of General Plan Elements (In Progress)
7. Review by Staff and Partners (Not Yet Started)
8. Adoption Process (Not Yet Started)
9. Plan Implementation (Not Yet Started)

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Sandy Hills' Vision Statement:

Sandy Hills strives to be a community where all residents have a voice in decision-making and an opportunity to improve local quality of life.

Sandy Hills' Top Priorities:



High Quality Physical Infrastructure



Regional Communication, Collaboration, and Planning



Land Use and Building Codes that Reflect the Community Vision



Resident Engagement in Decision-Making






Addition / Preservation of Community Gathering Places



Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency

How do goals, objectives, recommended actions, and priorities align in the General Plan?

Goal 1: Increase Resident Awareness and Interest in Planning and Decision Making.						
Objective 1.1: Increase attendance at Sandy Hills Community Council Meetings.						
Action	Involved Parties	Timeframe	Funding Source	Metric	Resources	Priority Addressed
Action 1.1a: Update the Sandy Hills Community Council Website to reflect the organization's mission, achievements, and ways for residents to get involved.	Sandy Hills Community Council; MSD Communications	Q1 2023	Community Council Budget	Outlined items added to website and website updated at least once per month.	Non-profit website design strategies.	
Action 1.1b: Post meeting agendas to Facebook prior to CC meetings. And link livestreams of the meetings.	Sandy Hills Community Council; MSD Communications	Immediate and Ongoing	Community Council Budget	Community Council Meeting Agendas, along with a livestream link are posted to the Facebook page at least 24 hours prior to meetings.	Livestream Zoom meetings to Facebook	
Objective 1.2: Increase resident contact with regional planners, decision-makers, and partners.						
Action	Involved Parties	Timeframe	Funding Source	Metric	Resources	Priority Addressed
Action 1.2a: Invite regional bodies to attend community events and distribute information / seek input from residents.	Sandy Hills Community Council; MSD; Salt Lake County; UTA; WFRC	Immediate and Ongoing	Community Council Budget	Regional partners are invited to at least one community/ local event per year.	JSI Engaging Your Community / Building Partnerships Toolkit	

Land Use Workshop (October 21st): 6 Participants
Land Use Survey (October 20th - November 19th): 7 Responses
Total Comments Received: 116

Activity	Comments / Votes Received	Major Themes	Follow-Up Needed
Vision Statement Vote	13	The vision statement with the most votes was, "Sandy Hills strives to be a community where all residents have a voice in decision-making and an opportunity to improve local quality of life."	Public selected vision statement on website and include in General Plan.
Top Priorities Importance Rating (Survey Only)	7	"Resident Engagement in Decision-Making" was identified as the most important priority. "Addition / Preservation of Community Gathering Places" was found to be less important to survey respondents.	Review results with steering committee and determine next steps.
Top Priorities Feedback	25	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Address digital infrastructure access, public transit availability, and condition of roads, sewers, and gutters. 2. Use different means of engagement, such as Zoom or Facebook, to bring more community members into planning and decision-making processes. 3. Recognize that community gathering places are largely outside of Sandy Hills, requiring collaboration with other entities to ensure they are protected. 4. Acknowledge residents' fatigue with plans and studies that do not produce tangible projects. 5. Address blight and poor property maintenance through stronger land use and enforcement codes. 6. Understand that regional collaboration is necessary to achieve Sandy Hills' vision, as various agencies have authority in the area. 	Review results with steering committee and determine next steps. General Plan goals will be aligned with top priorities.

Map It Exercise	61	<p>Positive: nearby amenities such as schools and local parks; recent infrastructure projects that have enhanced neighborhood walkability.</p> <p>Negative: vacant and/or dilapidated properties; transportation safety issues such as limited visibility at intersections, vehicle speeding, and loss of 1300 E bus route.</p> <p>Future: add signage to unmarked intersections; improve safety at key pedestrian crossings; enhance property maintenance and repurpose vacant spaces; adapt to changing environmental conditions and water availability.</p>	Review results with steering committee and address major themes through the General Plan Work Program. Identified items touch on land use, transportation, and resilience + infrastructure.
Character Area Exercise	10	Major themes differed for each of the seven character areas. Review pages 11-16 for more details. Overall, participants were comfortable with the drafted borders. Only one change was prompted: altering the 1300 E Corridor to include only those properties which face out onto the street.	Review comments with the steering committee and lead them through additional visioning activities for the Character Areas.

How do we determine future land uses?

What are Character Areas?

Character areas are places within a community that share similar characteristics. These areas may fit together because they celebrate unique assets, feature interesting design patterns, or require special attention or consideration. For each character area within a community, the General Plan assesses existing conditions and provides a future vision.



Preliminary Land Use Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Improve property maintenance and upkeep of community spaces.

Objective 1.1: Update land use ordinances to reflect the community's vision.

Objective 1.2: Increase enforcement actions on nuisance properties.

Objective 1.3: Enhance community spaces and streetscapes by screening undesirable uses, removing litter and debris, and upkeeping park strips.

Objective 1.4: Provide support to property owners to ensure housing and yard maintenance.

Goal 2: Advocate for preservation and enhancement of regional parks, open spaces, and community centers.

Objective 2.1: Increase resident participation in regional parks planning and decision-making.

Objective 2.2: Partner with regional partners on pursuit of funding to implement projects that increase resident quality of life.

Objective 2.3: Seek opportunities to preserve existing open space and implement pocket parks or additional landscaping.

Goal 3: Enhance built-environment design to protect natural systems and amenities.

Objective 3.1: Preserve the viewshed from the Sandy Hills View Character Area.

Objective 3.2: Minimize run-off caused by impervious surfaces.

Goal 4: Expand resident access to economic opportunities without diminishing the character of Sandy Hills' residential neighborhoods.

Objective 4.1: Support the ability of residents to work and learn remotely.

Objective 4.2: Encourage desirable, small-scale businesses in the 1300 E Character Area.

Objective 4.3: Ensure home businesses are not disruptive to neighborhood quality of life.

You Are Invited!



Join Us for the Sandy Hills Transportation Bonanza!

January 20th @ 7PM

Online only, please register in advance.

bit.ly/lrp-sandyhills



Sandy Hills Transportation Bonanza!

- **Date:** January 20th
- **Time:** 7-9 PM
- **Location:** Zoom – register in advance (bit.ly/lrp-sandyhills)
- **Proposed Agenda:**
 - Welcome
 - Partner Presentations (SLCo Engineering, SLCo Parks&Rec, WFRC, UTA, Travelwise)
 - Group Discussions: Active Transportation, Traffic Safety, Regional Connections
 - Transportation Goal Brainstorming
- **All are welcome!**

What's Next?

- **Land Use Workshop Draft Report:** will be published on website once approved by steering committee
- **Draft Land Use Chapter:** will come to the GPSC for review before the February meeting
- **Transportation Workshop and Survey:** JAN 20th!!
- **Draft Transportation Chapter:** will come to GPSC for review before the March meeting

Steering Committee Meets on the 3rd Thursday of Every Month @ 7:00 PM!

Contact

- Keep an eye on our project website! bit.ly/lrp-sandyhills
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